

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant files concurrently herewith an Information Disclosure Statement based on the prior art cited in the European application. In addition Applicant submits a new set of claims for consideration by the examiner. These claims define over the prior art and have been allowed in Europe over the cited prior art.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

If any additional fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

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